

Remarks

Claims 1-18 and 20-23 were pending.

Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 are amended.

Claims 2, 4-8, 12-17, 20 and 21 are original.

Claims 9, 18, 22 and 23 are as previously presented.

Claims 1, 10 and 11 are amended to delete the term "50" and insert the term "100" immediately prior to the phrase "parts of light stabilizer per 100 parts of carrier" at the end of the claim.

Claim 3 is amended to delete the term "80" and insert the term "120" immediately prior to the phrase "parts per 100 parts" at the end of the claim.

Support is found in the specification on page 4 line 8.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 1-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Haremza, et. al., US 6,214,929.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

US 6,214,929 discloses an aqueous dispersion comprising a polymer and a stabilizer wherein the stabilizer is present in an amount of 9.09% to 50% by weight based on the weight of the polymer.

The dispersions of the instant claims as amended comprise greater than 100 parts of light stabilizer per 100 parts of polymer carrier. This amount is well outside of the limits of US 6,214,929. Applicants further note that the in Examples of US 6,214,929, the amount of stabilizer is 9.09% and no where near 50%.

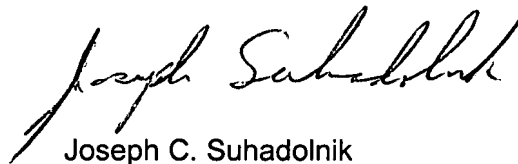
The instant compositions are prepared in a manner quite different than that of US 6,214,929. That is, in the instant invention, the polymer carrier is prepared by polymerization in the presence of the light stabilizer. It is possible, although not certain, that the method of the instant invention allows for the preparation of these higher concentrations of stabilizer.

Therefore, as the instant aqueous dispersions are prepared using a different method than that found in US 6,214,929, and as the amount of stabilizer present in the instant invention is much higher than that found in US 6,214,929, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the instant claims under 35 USC 103(a) over Haremza, et. al., US 6,214,929 have been addressed and are overcome.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and that the claims 1-18 and 20-23 in the present form be found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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